Scheme is in op-eration in the various States of the country including Bihar w.e.f. 01-04-1985 with the objective of providing financial support to farmers in the event of crop failure, due to drought, floods etc. and to restore their credit eligibility for the next crop season.

Market Operations of NDDB

3329. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRI-DHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that market operations (purchase and sales) of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) are controlled by Empowered Committee on Oil Seed Policy through market intervention operation account;

(b) if so. whether NDDB is not tree to influence market prices at its own and is also not responsible for the huge losses claimed by it and in such circum stances, whether Government are think ing to eliminate the services of Em powered Committee on Oil Seed Policy; and

(c) whether the Central Government are also taking any action on the recom-ntendations of BICP on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP NON-CONVENTK NAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH AD DITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MI NISTER OF STATE IN THE MIN ISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) As per the terms and conditions for Market Intervention Operation (MIO) by NDDB, NDDB has full functional autonomy to achieve the objectives set under MIO which includes its market operations such as purchase and sale of oils and oilseeds. Therefor the question of the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy, which monitors the MIO controlling the market operation of NDDB does not arise.

(b) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

(c) There are no recommendations from BICP regarding MIO. However, at the instance of the Empowered Com mittee on Oilseeds Policy a four-member Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. V. Desai, Chairman, BICP had reviewed MIO. The Empowered Com-mit'ee on Oilseeds Policy (ECOP) consi dered the divergent views expressed by the members of the Committee and recommended that the loss suffered by NDDB in MIO may be reimbursed af ter obtaining the approval of Govern ment. ECOP has also recommended modified terms and conditions for MIO for FY 1993-94 limiting the Govern ment's liability to reimburse the losses on MIO to NDDB.

Establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendras in remaining districts of A.P.

3330. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for starting of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the remaining districts of A.P and also for the establishment of Advance Training Centre at Extension Education Institute, Rajendra Nagar; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, no proposal for establishment of advance Training Centre at Extension Education Institute, Rajendra Nagar has been received.

(b) Efforts are being made to get additional funds for establishing new Krishi Vigyan Kendras in VIIIth Plan.